

# POPPO

of the POPCORN THEATRE

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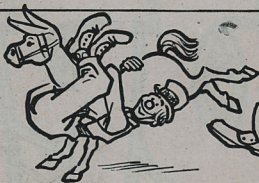
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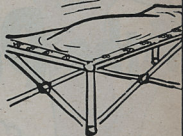


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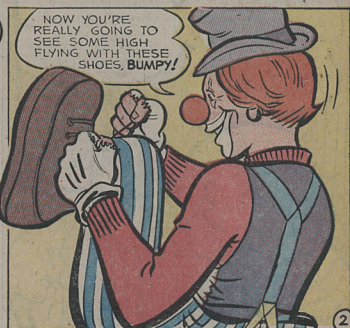
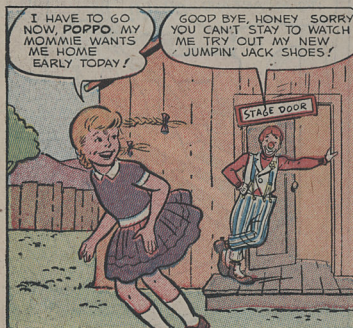
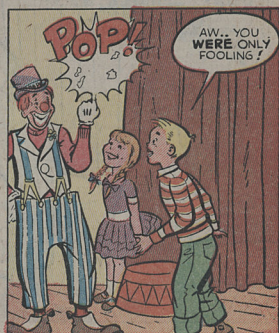
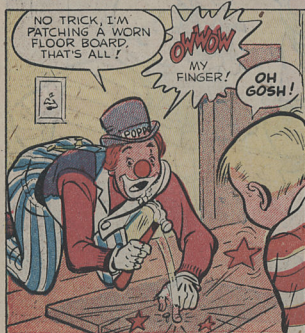
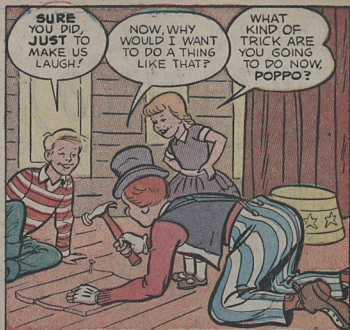
**POPPO**—THE CLOWN—WHO "CAN'T HELP LIKING KIDS", HAS TRAVELED THE WORLD OVER PHOTOGRAPHING HIS ADVENTURES—THE GREAT ACTS THAT PLAYED ON THE SAME BILL—AND COLLECTING PRINTS OF THE CARTOONS AND COMEDIES THAT HE ENJOYED. BORN TO THE CIRCUS, AND THE JOY OF MAKING OTHERS LAUGH, HIDING HIS OWN SORROWS SO OTHERS MAY BE HAPPY, HE IS THE CLOWN OF ALL AGES—FOR ALL AGES. NOW HE HAS RETIRED FROM THE CIRCUS, BUT STILL FINDS HIS REWARDS IN LIFE MAKING OTHERS LAUGH.



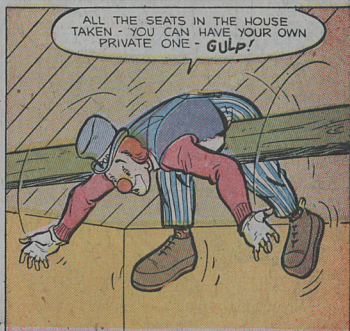
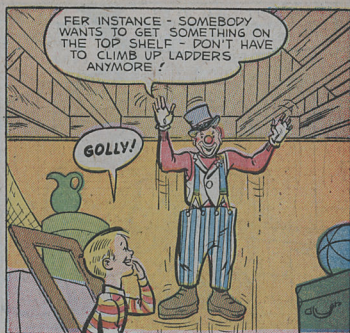
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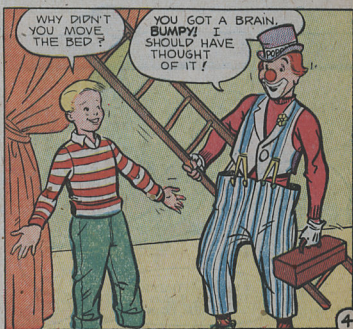
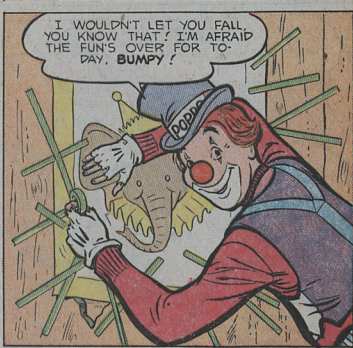
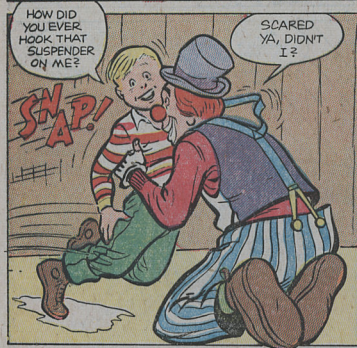
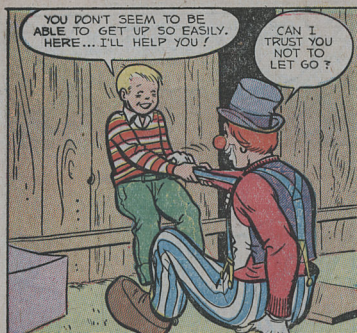




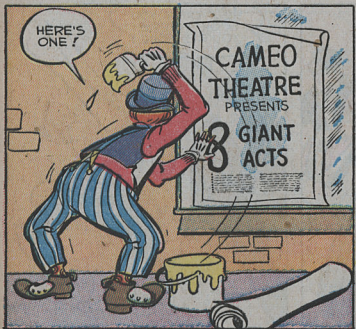
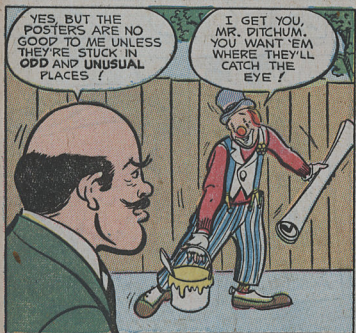
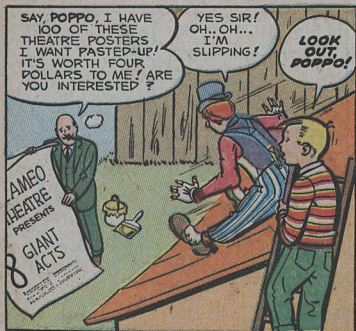




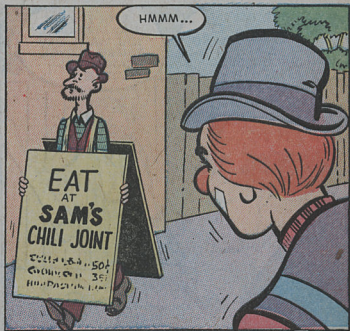
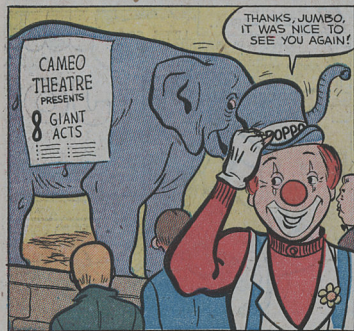




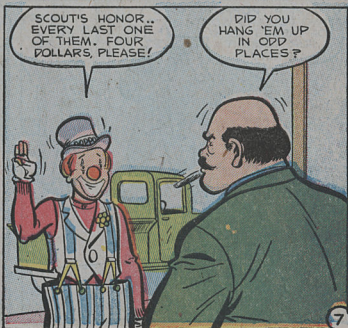
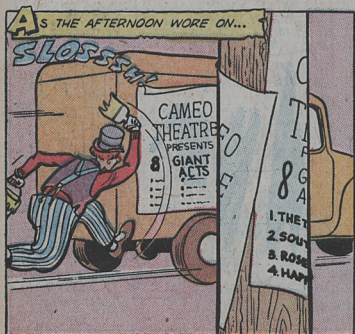




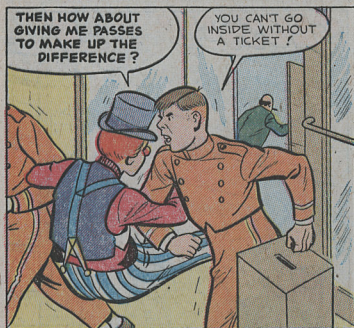








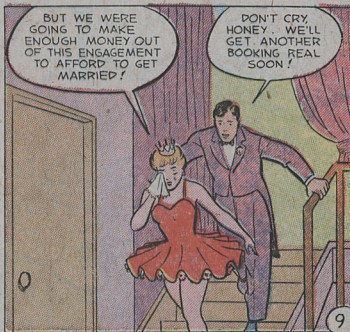
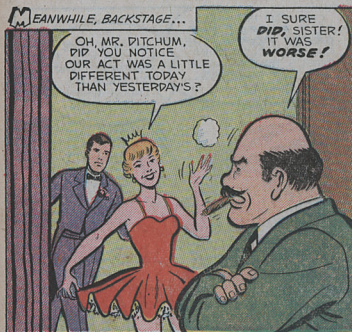
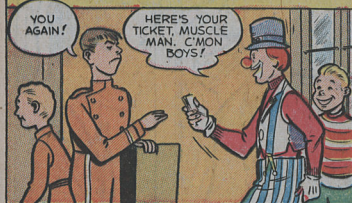




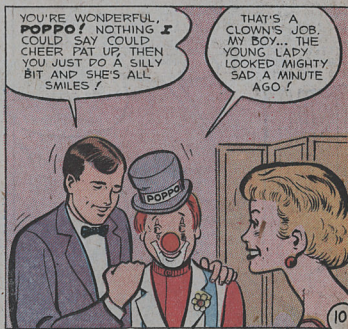
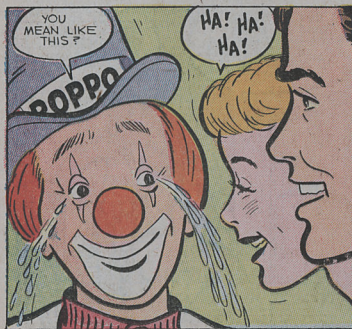
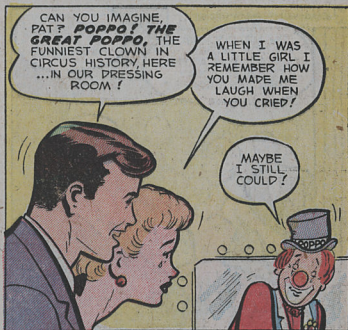


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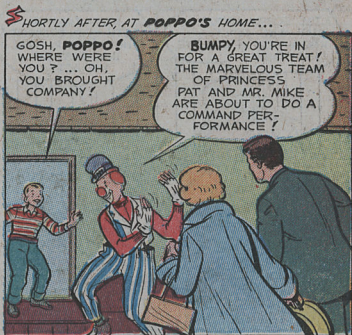
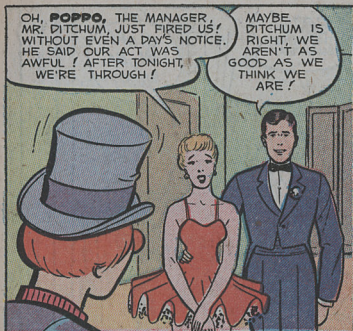
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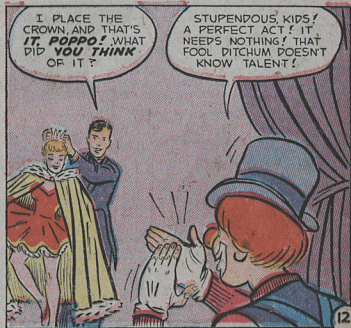
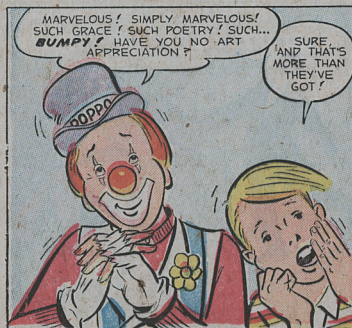
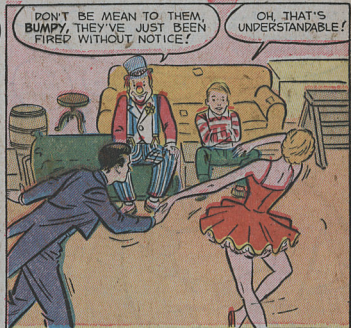
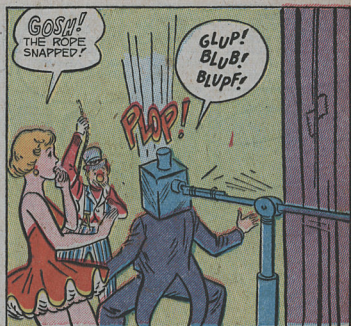
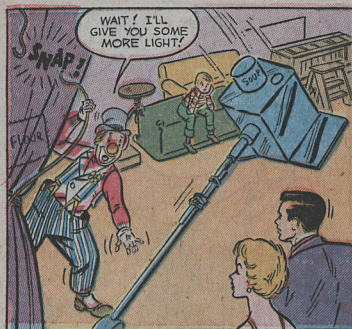




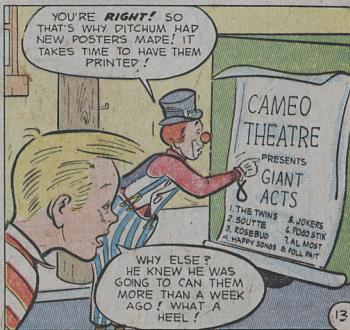
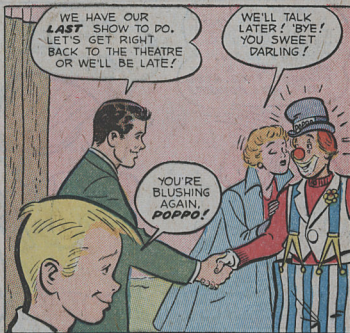
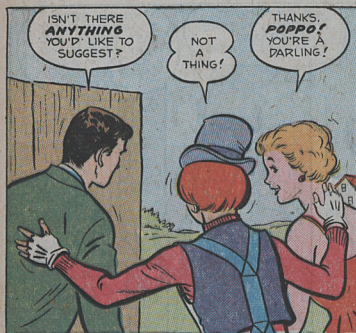




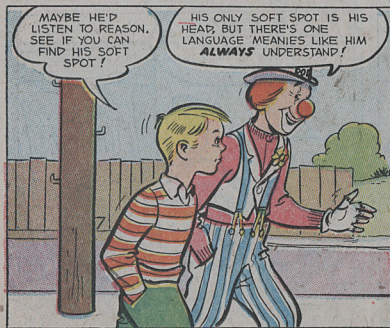
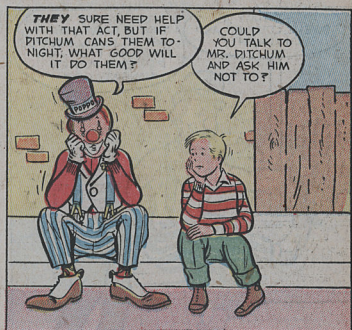
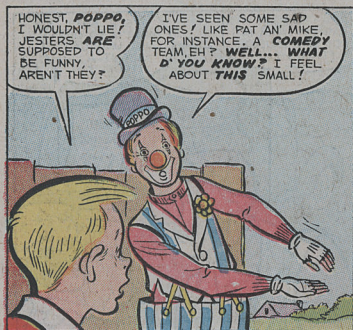
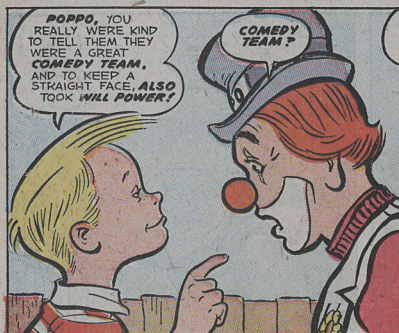




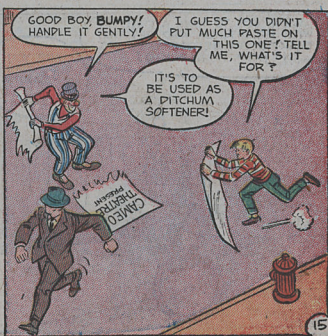
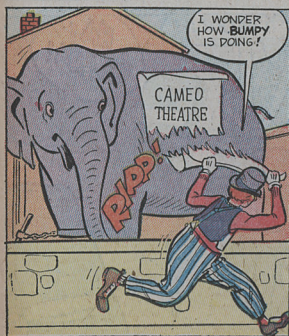
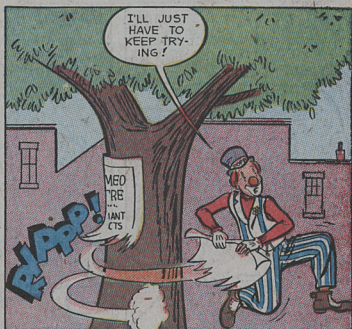
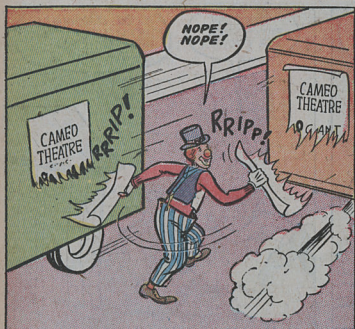








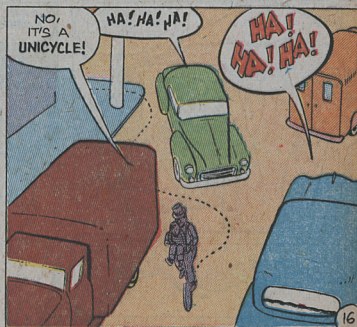
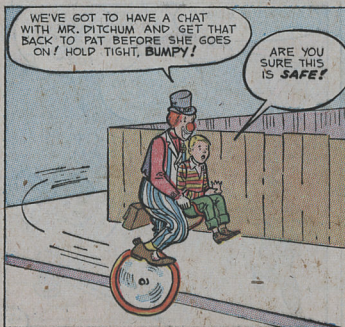
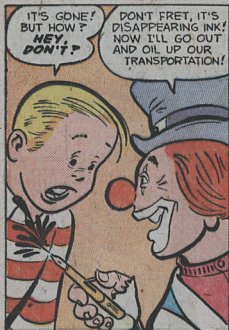
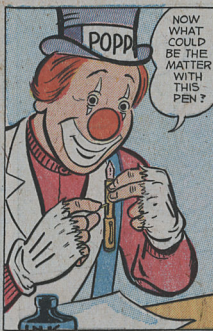




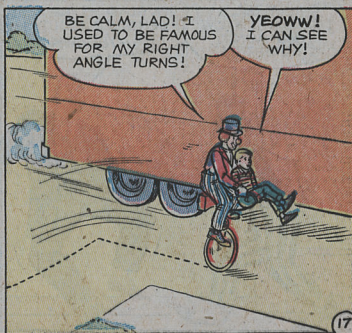
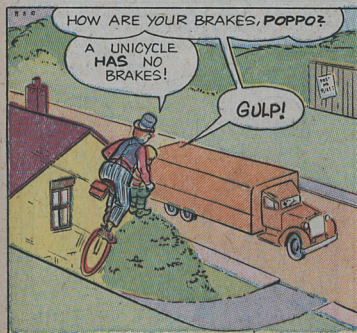
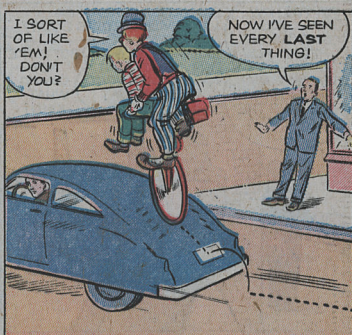
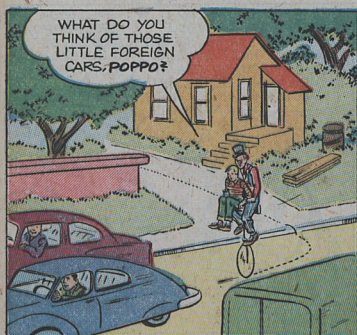
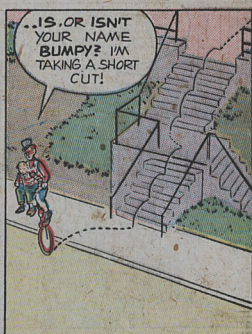
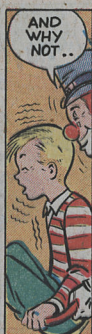
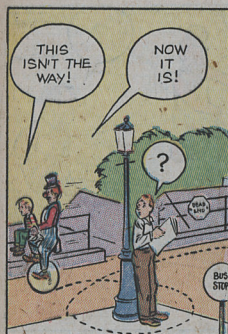


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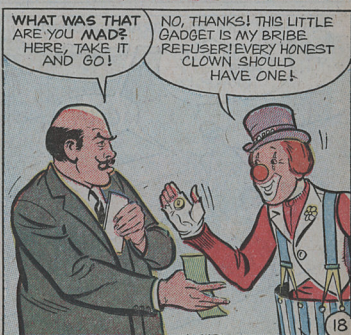
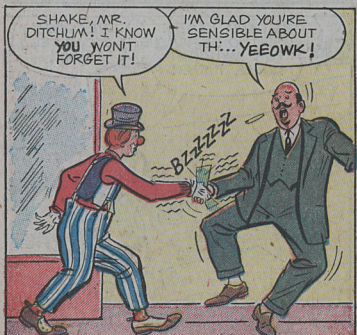
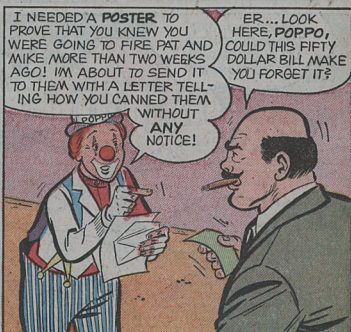
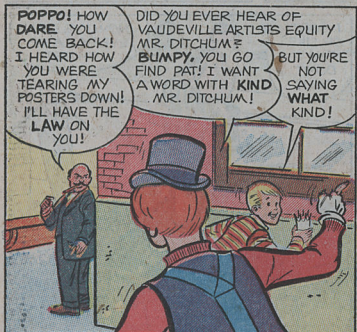
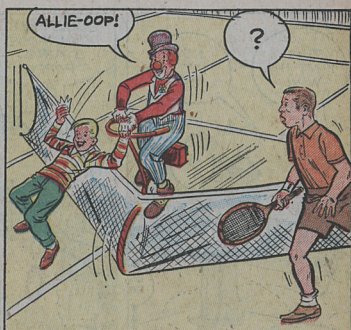
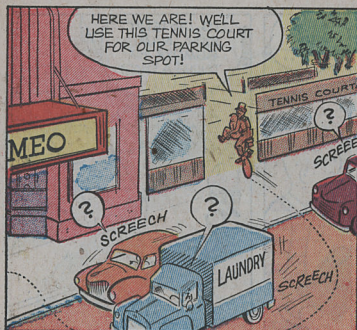
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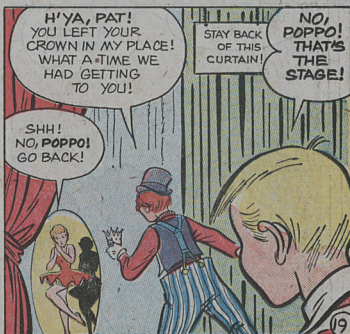
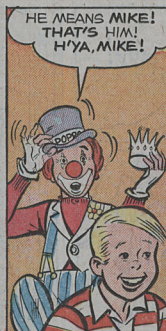
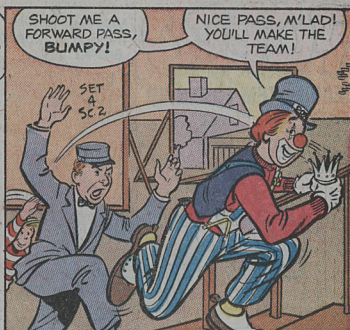








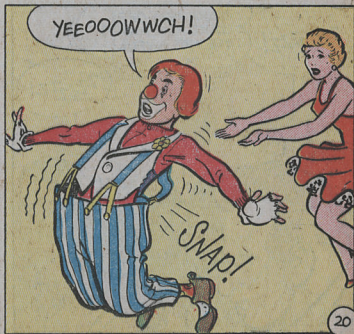
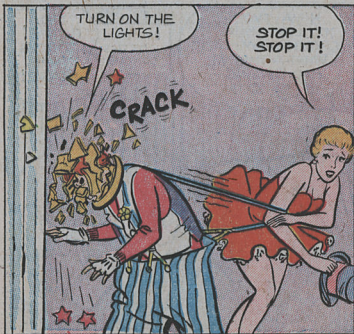
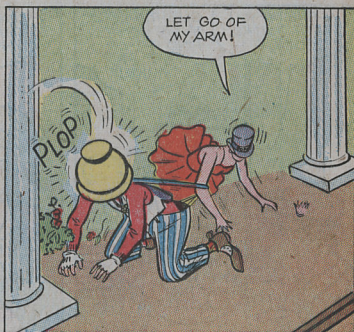
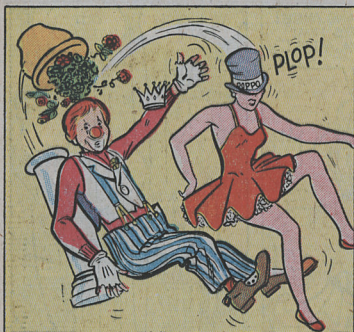




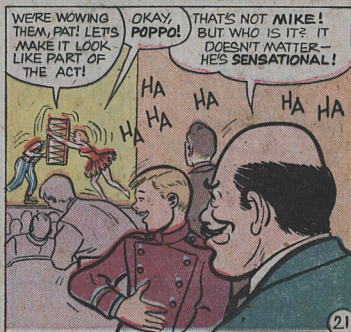
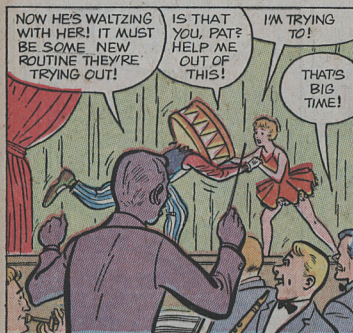


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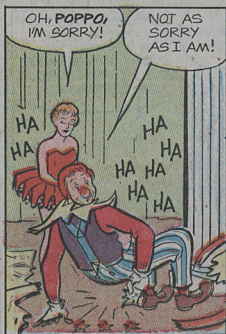
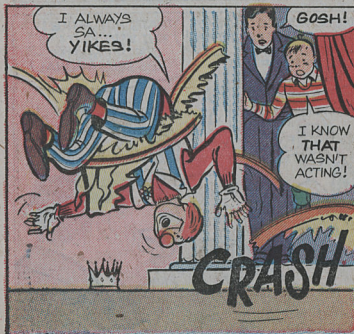
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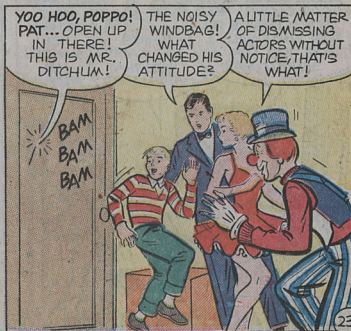
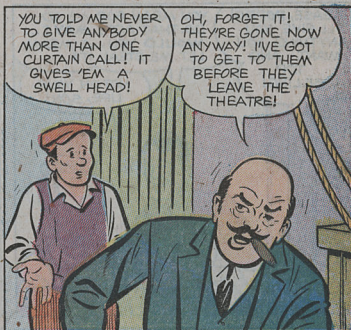
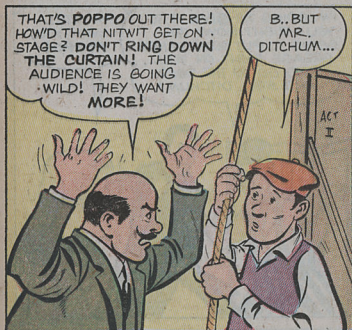




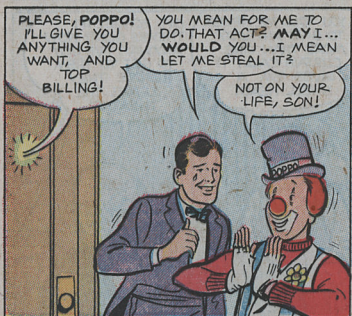
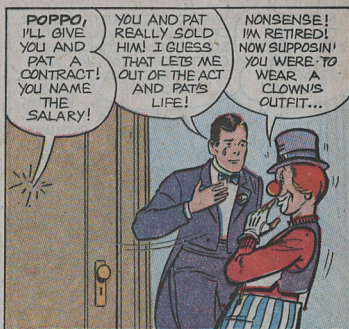






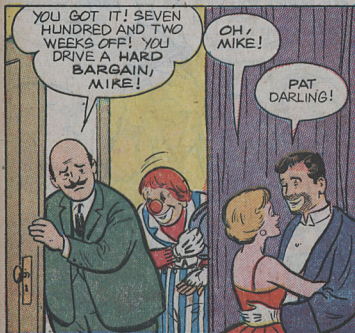
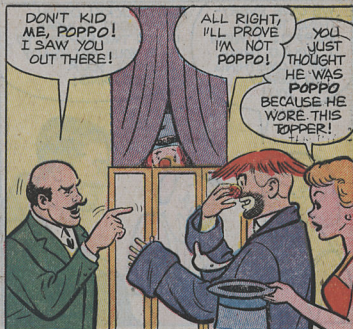
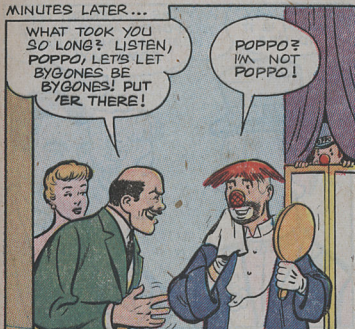




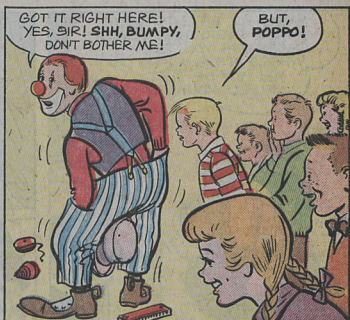
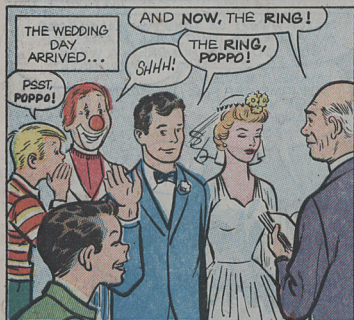




MINUTES LATER...









# POPPO'S HATFUL

# of TRICKS

HEY, KIDS!  
YOU'RE JUST IN TIME TO  
WATCH MY FLYING CARD TRICK!  
I PUT A CARD INTO AN  
ORDINARY GLASS...WAVE MY  
HAND AND IT FLIES  
UP INTO THE  
AIR!

WOOPS!  
IT NEARLY FLEW  
INTO ME  
THAT TIME!

HERE'S THE  
FAMOUS "MAGNETIC HAND"  
TRICK OF THE LATE GREAT  
MAGICIAN, HARRY HULDINI!  
ALL THE MUSCULAR ENERGY  
OF MY LEFT ARM IS BEING  
TURNED INTO MAGNETIC FORCE!  
YOU NOTICE HOW I HAVE TO  
SUPPORT MY LEFT WRIST  
WITH MY RIGHT  
HAND?

NOW LOOK IN  
POPPO'S  
MAGNIFYING  
MIRROR!

POPPO HAS SHARPENED A PIECE OF SOAP  
TO A POINT AND DRAWN TWO THIN, INVISIBLE  
SOAP LINES ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE GLASS,  
ON THE INSIDE. WHEN HE PRESSES THE CARD  
DOWN THESE SOAPED TRACKS AND  
RELEASES IT, IT SUDDENLY, THE CARD JUMPS  
UP ON THE SLIPPERY SIDES! IF THE  
SIDES OF THE GLASS HAVE ENOUGH  
SLOPE, THE CARD WILL JUMP QUITE  
HIGH!

THIS IS A TRICK THAT  
SEEMS UNBELIEVABLE!  
I FOLD AN UNBROKEN TOOTH-  
PICK INSIDE A HANDKERCHIEF,  
AND LET YOU BREAK IT!  
THEN I OPEN THE HANDKERCHIEF!  
BUT THE BROKEN TOOTH-  
PICK IS WHOLE AGAIN!

BEFORE STARTING THE TRICK, POPPO HAD ALREADY  
SLIPPED ANOTHER TOOTHPICK INSIDE THE HEM OF THE  
HANDKERCHIEF. THAT'S THE ONE THAT WAS BROKEN!



# HATFUL OF TRICKS

NOW HERE'S A  
DISAPPEARING STUNT  
I'VE ALWAYS LIKED! I HAVE  
A QUARTER AND A GLASS UNDER  
THIS HANDKERCHIEF! I DROP THE  
QUARTER INTO THE GLASS—HEAR IT?  
NEXT, I'LL PUT THE COVERED GLASS ON A  
TABLE, FASTEN THE HANDKERCHIEF DOWN  
TIGHT WITH A RUBBER BAND AND COMMAND  
THE COIN TO DISAPPEAR! WHEN I TAKE OFF  
THE HANDKERCHIEF, THE COIN WILL  
BE GONE!

AS LONG AS I'M  
DROPPING QUARTERS, KIDS,  
WATCH ME DROP ONE RIGHT  
THROUGH MY HAT AND  
INTO A GLASS! WATCH  
CLOSELY NOW!  
HERE GOES!

HERE'S HOW! INSTEAD OF DROPPING THE COIN INTO THE GLASS, POPPO DROPS IT AGAINST THE BASE OF THE GLASS, THEN CATCHES IT AS HE PLACES THE GLASS ON THE TABLE WITH HIS LEFT HAND, HE PUTS THE COIN INTO HIS POCKET WITH HIS RIGHT!

POPPO USES TWO QUARTERS!  
ONE IS BALANCED UNDER THE  
HAT ON THE EDGE OF THE  
GLASS! WHEN THE DROPPED  
COIN LANDS IN THE HAT, THE  
HIDDEN ONE FALLS INTO THE  
GLASS! AFTER SECRETLY  
SLIDING THE COIN IN THE HAT  
UNDERNEATH THE SWEATBAND,  
POPPO SHAKES OUT HIS HAT!  
EMPTY!!

POPPO LEAVES THE ROOM AND A COIN IS PLACED UNDER A CUP. WHEN HE COMES BACK, POPPO IMMEDIATELY ANNOUNCES THE VALUE OF THE HIDDEN COIN.

POPPO PLACES FOUR COINS ON A TABLE. HE CLIPS ONE HAND UNDER THE EDGE OF THE TABLE, AND SLIDES THE COINS INTO IT WITH THE OTHER. HE BLOWS ON HIS CLOSED HAND—THEN OPENS IT! IN HIS HAND ARE FIVE COINS!

IN THIS TRICK POPPO USES A HELPER, WHO  
SIMPLY PLACES THE CUP OVER THE COIN WITH  
THE HANDLE POINTING IN THE CORRECT DIRECTION!  
INCIDENTALLY, IT WILL RUIN THE TRICK IF HE  
TURNS THE CUP AFTER COVERING THE COIN!

HERE'S HOW! AN EXTRA COIN IS FASTENED UNDER THE EDGE OF THE TABLE TOP WITH SOAP OR GUM!



# HATFUL

# TRICKS

WANT TO BRING A MYSTERIOUS HUM FROM A DRINKING GLASS? PUT THE GLASS ON A WOODEN SURFACE. THEN SNAP THE PRONGS OF A FORK SO THEY VIBRATE, AND PRETEND TO THROW THIS VIBRATION INTO THE GLASS. WITH THE OTHER HAND, TOUCH THE FORK HANDLE TO THE WOODEN SURFACE AND A STRANGE, HIGH HUMMING SOUND WILL AT ONCE COME FROM THE GLASS!



DO YOU KNOW HOW TO BALANCE A HALF DOLLAR ON THE RIM OF A GLASS, EVEN THOUGH THE COIN HANGS WAY OUT IN SPACE, AND JUST BARELY TOUCHES THE GLASS AT THE EDGE?

HERE'S HOW!



NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I FLIP THIS HALF DOLLAR, IT ALWAYS COMES DOWN HEADS!



STICK A DIME TO THE TAILS SIDE OF THE HALF DOLLAR WITH GUM OR WAX. THE WEIGHT OF THE DIME MAKES IT FALL TAILS DOWN. WHEN YOUR FRIENDS WANT TO TRY IT, YOU REMOVE THE DIME AND THE GUM!

WEDGE A HALF DOLLAR BETWEEN THE PRONGS OF TWO FORKS, LIKE THIS. VERY CAREFULLY SET THE HALF DOLLAR ON THE RIM OF THE GLASS AND PUSH IT OUTWARD SLOWLY. THE SECRET IS THAT THE FORK HANDLES ANGLE BACK TOWARD THE GLASS, KEEPING THE CENTER OF GRAVITY ON THE GLASS'S RIM, EVEN THOUGH THE COIN HANGS OUT IN SPACE.



TELL OLD POPPO WHICH OF THESE MARKS LOOKS LONGER. THEN GET OUT YOUR RULER AND FIND OUT! SURPRISED?

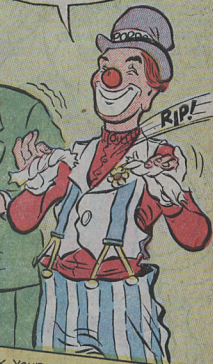


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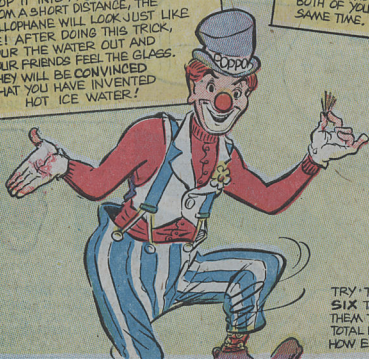
OOOWW! THIS  
ICE WATER IS  
SO HOT, I CAN  
HARDLY HOLD  
IT!

I DON'T KNOW WHY  
YOU'RE HAVING SO MUCH  
TROUBLE BREAKING THAT  
TWISTED PAPER NAPKIN,  
FRIEND! IT'S REALLY  
VERY EASY!



CRUMPLE A PIECE OF CELLOPHANE,  
SUCH AS A CANDY WRAPPER, AND  
DROP IT INTO A GLASS OF HOT WATER.  
FROM A SHORT DISTANCE, THE  
CELLOPHANE WILL LOOK JUST LIKE  
ICE! AFTER DOING THIS TRICK,  
POUR THE WATER OUT AND  
YOUR FRIENDS FEEL THE GLASS.  
THEY WILL BE CONVINCED  
THAT YOU HAVE INVENTED  
HOT ICE WATER!

YOUR PALS WILL THINK YOU'RE MADE OF MUSCLES IF  
YOU DO THIS! PRODUCE TWO PAPER NAPKINS. SECRETLY  
MOISTEN THE CENTER OF ONE OF THEM. ROLL THEM BOTH  
INTO TIGHT PAPER ROPES. YOU KEEP THE MOISTENED  
NAPKIN, AND GIVE THE DRY ONE TO YOUR FRIEND. NOW  
BOTH OF YOU START PULLING YOUR ROPES APART AT THE  
SAME TIME. YOU'LL WIN EVERY TIME, HANDS DOWN!



6 and 5 make 9!

TRY THIS ON YOUR FRIENDS, KIDS! LAY OUT  
SIX TOOTHPICKS ON THE TABLE. NOW CHALLENGE  
THEM TO ADD FIVE MORE TOOTHPICKS SO THAT THE  
TOTAL BECOMES NINE! THE DIAGRAM SHOWS YOU  
HOW ELEVEN TOOTHPICKS SPELL OUT THE WORD NINE!



# KIDS!

*See and hear me every week*

## ON T.V.

*Tune in*

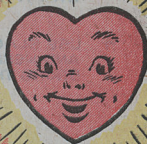
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FUNNYBOOK SOUGHT AND FOUND  
EVERY READER'S HEART. HITCH  
YOUR FUNNYBONE TO  
THE STAR OF STARS  
EVERY WEEK!

**HAVE YOUR  
COPY RESERVED  
EVERY WEEK.**



# Make a POPPO Christmas Mobile

and HAVE A STOCKINGFUL OF FUN!

**THIS IS ALL  
YOU HAVE  
TO DO!**

- 1 PASTE THESE DRAWINGS ON THIN CARDBOARD OR LAY THEM ON CONSTRUCTION PAPER.

- 2 COLOR BOTH SIDES OF EACH PIECE.

- 3 CUT OUT AND PRICK THE HOLES THROUGH CAREFULLY WHERE MARKED, WITH A NEEDLE.

- 4 USE BLACK THREAD AND NEEDLE TO STRING THE PIECES.

- 5 TIE EACH PIECE SECURELY, BUT LOOSELY SO THAT IT MOVES EASILY.

- 6 WORK FROM THE BOTTOM TO THE TOP.

- 7 AFTER EACH PIECE IS STRUNG IN EACH SECTION, BALANCE THE SECTION BEFORE STRINGING IT TO THE TOP PIECE.

- 8 HANG BY THE TOP PIECE IN A DOOR WAY OR A PLACE WHERE IT CAN MOVE FREELY WITH THE AIR.

- 9 THE DRAWING OF THE COMPLETED MOBILE WILL SHOW THE LENGTHS OF THE THREAD USED TO PLACE THE PIECES SO THEY WILL TURN AND NOT GET TANGLED.





